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COINS FOR SALE.

The following uncirculated cents, the property of a western gentleman, are offered by him at cost, without counting the purchase commission paid. They all came from well known cabinets, and have been, at various times, among the chief attractions of important sales:

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| 129 | AEgypt. Double stater of Ptolemy Soter and Berenice. Rev. Ptolemy II and Arsinoe. Fine; extremely rare..... | 50 00 |
| 130 | CYRENE Superb stater. Rarissime..... | 75 00 |
| 131 | Head of Jupiter Ammon to right. Rev. Female head, facing. Very fine and rare fourth stater..... | 12 50 |

And many others.

THE 1804 DOLLAR.

(Written for Numisma.)

(continued from July number.)

Will you allow me to examine it? Certainly, but pray, if this dollar is so valuable why did not that bald-headed Israelite offer more than \$10 for it? The old gentleman shrugged his shoulders but did not reply to the question; then we stepped into the entrance of a store, and I held the open case before him. He drew from his pocket a lens, scanned the date and then asked my permission to look at the edge. His examination being completed he expressed his satisfaction by a suppressed chuckle and said: My friend, your coin is a very valuable one, and I am glad that you did not sell it for \$10, or \$100; it is in fact the rarest of all American coins, and worth much money. I would greatly desire to have it in my cabinet, but my means do not allow me to indulge in such expensive luxuries. But if you want to sell this beautiful and rare coin there are several collectors here in New York who can well afford to buy it, and who would pay you a handsome price for it. There is Dr. Edmunds for instance; I am sure that if he could see the piece he would offer you more for it than you perhaps imagine. If you will go to No. — West 16th St., you will find the doctor at home every evening after 7 o'clock, unless called out by professional duties. I thanked him; told him that I had about decided not to sell, but would go and see the doctor at a venture that very evening. Then the little old gentleman gave me his own card and I promised to let him know if the result of the interview was favorable. The dear old soul, I have often met him since, for we are both members of the New York Numismatic Society, an affable and honorable gentleman, an old bachelor, retired from business with a small competency, still engaged in the daily hunt for old coppers, and still adding to his store of rare dates, varieties, overstrikes, obscure tokens, etc. But this episode somewhat changed my plans for the day and I necessarily had to put off the enlisting in Uncle Sam's service until I had seen the doctor and the question of the exact value of my dollar, which I must confess was becoming extremely interesting to me, was settled. So I loafed

about all day, dining on a bowl of soup in a Park Place dive, then slowly walked up town and passed and repassed the doctor's house, wondering what reception would be given me, or, if perhaps the old gentleman had played a practical joke on a stranger. But no; there was the house, a substantial brick building with French curtains, tied with blue ribbons, at the parlor windows, a well dressed, stout woman, probably the house-keeper, comfortably seated at the basement window; there was the brass plate with the name "Dr. F. Edmunds" in plain view—no, there could be no mistake. I nevertheless awaited the hour when I could present myself with anxiety; but finally, mustering the necessary courage, I rang the bell, handed my card to the servant, and was immediately ushered into the presence of the doctor, who at that very moment was engaged in looking over a small lot of coins spread before him on a table in his office. After the necessary introductory explanations to which the doctor listened with patience, but with a slight smile of incredulity playing about his lips, I pulled out the case and for the third time that day my dollar was submitted to a careful and intelligent examination. The doctor, like the roguish coin dealer and the honorable old collector, examined the piece through a strong magnifying glass; he also rang it against another silver coin; weighed it in a scale that stood under glass cover on the table, and the examination being apparently satisfactory, he asked me to give him a detailed history of the coin and to tell him enough of my own affairs to satisfy himself that I was its legitimate owner. Being satisfied with my explanations he finally said: Mr. Houghton, I will frankly say to you that this coin is beyond doubt an original dollar of the year 1804, struck at the Philadelphia mint in that year, and I may add by far the finest original which I ever saw or ever heard of. There were several restruck from the original dies, in subsequent years, but all lack the lettering on the edge, and this in the eyes of a numismatist enhances the value of your specimen. Moreover it is what we call a proof impression, that is, it is struck on a highly polished planchet. Let me congratulate you for being the owner of this numismatic rarity and myself for having had

the opportunity to examine it. If you still desire to sell it, I will gladly purchase it. At public auction this coin might sell for a small fortune but as I am by no means a wealthy man, I think that under the circumstances \$1,000 would be a fair price for the piece, and this amount I will give you if you will sell." I scarcely heard the end of his words for when he uttered the magical words "one thousand dollars," my heart gave a big jump within me and for the moment I believed that I must be dreaming. Do you mean to say that you will give me \$1,000 cash down for this coin, said I at last somewhat recovering my self possession? Well, no, said he, smiling affably, I can't to night, but you can have my cheque for it immediately, or if you will come here to-morrow morning, you can go with me to the bank where the money will be paid you. I was still so overwhelmed with the magnanimous offer that I could scarcely speak, then recollecting myself, I placed case and dollar in his hands telling him that I accepted his offer and that I would call the following morning. Then I left him and wandered about town, finally joining a number of young volunteers who were having their final drinking bout, disturbing the sleeping burghers with their shouts and songs. Morning came at last; and following the example of my companions, I enlisted in Co. A, 31st Regt., N. Y. Vols.

No restrictions being at that time placed upon the movements of the recruits, I had no difficulty of obtaining permission to absent myself during the day, and again found myself in the doctor's office. We soon fell into an interesting conversation, and finding in him a sympathetic listener, I fully unburdened myself to him, telling him of my past troubles and hopes for the future. The doctor highly approved of my determination to join the Union Army and assured me that he would be pleased to hear from me and to have me call again when the campaign, which he supposed would be short and decisive, was ended. Then he arose and bid me accompany him to the bank where the money for the dollar was to be paid me. In the hall we met a girlish figure of which I had caught a glimpse the evening before during my first interview with the doctor.

"My daughter Adelia, Mr. Houghton." I bowed low and passed on stammering a few words of commonplace politeness. At the bank I got the \$1,000. I sent the greater part of the sum to a Boston friend for the maintainance of my dear sisters, whose immediate future was now safe from trouble and want, and joined my company and Regiment at the City Hall barracks.

Three months later the disastrous battle of Bull Run had been fought. My regiment posted on Centreville heights, on the extreme left of the line, had scarcely fired a shot, yet it was my ill luck, while on the skirmish line, to be hit by a stray bullet; my left arm was shattered, and I was again in New York, in the ward of a hospital, already filling fast with disabled soldiers from the field. My wound was not serious, but lack of proper treatment had produced inflammation, a high fever set in, and for several days I was in a critical condition. Fortunately for me, Dr. Edwards was one of the physicians appointed by the government to care for wounded soldiers sent to New York. During a visit of inspection made by him in the hospital where I lay delirious, he recognized in me the young man whose acquaintance he had made under such peculiar circumstances, and from that moment I was safe. Not only was everything done for me that skill and a thorough knowledge of surgery could accomplish, but I was visited by his daughter and other ladies, who came each day with flowers and books to amuse me and cheer my drooping spirits. During my convalescence my visits to the doctor's charming home became more and more frequent. The admiration I entertained for Miss Edwards quickly ripened into love; indeed it was soon understood between us that when the war was over we were to meet again never to part from each other.

Of my experience in the army during the following three years I shall say little; it suffices to know that occasions to perform one's duty were frequent nor were opportunities for advancement lacking. In short, from the ranks I was appointed to a second lieutenantancy, then my progress to the command of my regiment was rapid.

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A FRENCH AMERICAN COIN OR TOKEN.

UNKNOWN TO SANDHAM, ANTHON, AND MC-
LACHLAN.

Two Indians, crowned with feathers, clothed in short tunics, and with bows in their outstretched hands, support a crown over an oval shield (9 gold lilies on a blue field over a golden beam (?), below which is a reclining river-god at the foot of a mountain on green field). In exergue, COMPAGNIE DES INDES 1723. Rev. Three masted ship on the sea; SPEM AUGET OPES QUE PARAT. Silver; size 19.

Struck under the regency of the Duke of Orleans, and asserted by some to be a quarter dollar designed to circulate in the French possessions in America, but more probably a jeton commemorative of the increased power to be acquired by the extension of French dominion in the New World.

It was first described in a dealer's list abroad, was imported by me on order received, and is now safely lodged where it properly belongs, the best, most extensive, and valuable collection of Canadian coins and medals.

COIN SALE, OCTOBER 2d AND 3d.

I beg to call the attention of collectors to the sale of my collection of American and foreign coins and medals, to take place at Bangs & Co., 739 and 741 Broadway, New York, on the 2d and 3rd of October. The catalogue, prepared by myself, numbers 78

pages and contains 1039 lots. A special edition of 100, printed on thick paper, and illustrated with 9 heliotype plates, is issued, and copies at \$1.25 each are now for sale by me and coin dealers generally. The free distribution of the ordinary edition took place in the latter part of August, and as the supply falls far short of the demand, I would esteem it a favor if collectors would return to me or the dealers from whom received, any duplicate copies they may hold. A printed-price list, free to subscribers of the illustrated edition, will be published immediately after the sale, at 25 cents per copy. This being my own collection I may be pardoned for giving the sale more than the customary notice, and of enlarging upon whatever merits it may possess. My primary aim as a collector was to gather types of coinage of all countries, in silver and gold, giving pre-eminence to the American series, and to have these types represented, as far as my means would allow, by specimens possessing the attractive qualities of beauty and rarity. A secondary object was to complete certain series of special interest to myself. These special series were to be 1st, a set of 1794 cents; 2d, a series of Papal crowns; 3d, the Swiss Federal shooting dollars, and 4th, U. S. Assay medals. Whatever I have accomplished in gathering types of coinage or in the three first mentioned special series, is embraced in the catalogue of my sale, the only parts withheld are the Assay medals, too few in number to be of any interest to the general collector. In detail, pages 3 to 7 describe a few very fine and generally rare Foreign copper coins, inclusive of a set of Swedish copperplate money; pages 7 to 19 American medals in silver, many extremely rare, all very fine; pages 19 to 26, ancient and modern gold coins, embracing many coins in constant demand by advanced collectors, such as hemistaters of Syracuse,

stater of Philip II of Macedonia, aurei of Julius Cæsar, Augustus, Tiberius, Titus, Lucilla, etc; a pavilion and leopard of Edward, Black Prince; an ecu of 24 livres of Louis XV, struck for French Colonies, gold rupees and gulden of Java, double ducat of Ferdinand and Isabella, American eagles, 1-2 and 1-4 eagles of early dates, California, \$50, Mormon, Pike's Peak, Oregon, etc., coinages etc.; pages 31 to 33, U. S. pattern pieces, inclusive of that excessive rarity, an 1838 *Orleans* half dollar, so rare that Mr. Woodward told me recently that he had never yet handled one; on page 33 and 34 are the minor proof sets, 1864-1884 complete; pages 34 to 36, end of first day's sale, Colonial notes, Fractional currency, etc.

In the second day's sale, pages 37 to 50, comprise as fine selections of Foreign coins in silver as have probably ever been offered in the U. S.; on page 51 we find a set of the rare platinum coinage of Russia, then comes a small but fine and valuable selection of American Colonial coins, comprising several French American pieces, a beautiful set of the rare *Rosa Americana* series, Massachusetts coins inclusive of the rare cent with the arrows in eagle's right talon, etc. A few Washington coins and tokens are described on pages 57 and 58; choice specimens of U. S. silver coins, nearly all of early dates, on pages 58 to 61 inclusive; fine U. S. cents and half cents, also of early or rare dates, pages 61 and 62. One of the features of the sale is the set of 1794 cents and half cents, described on pages 63 to 66 inclusive—as this set will most probably be sold entire, some lucky collector will “rake in” at a comparative low cost one of the best series of U. S. cents ever offered in an American sale. Rare Jacksonian tokens, Feuchtwanger currency, etc., are found on page 67; Confederate coins and tokens on page 68; ancient coins in silver and bronze on pages 69 and

70. The balance of the collection is made up of miscellaneous medals in bronze and of numismatic literature. This collection, I may say without flattery, is so replete with rarities of all sorts that collectors cannot help finding just what they may have looked for and want. The sale is absolute, without any reserve whatever, and every coin is of course guaranteed to be as represented. Estimates of the results of this sale have been made by several experts; they range from \$2,500 to \$3,500. The owner estimates that after deducting all expenses this collection ought to net him \$2,300. He will be a disappointed man if it does not, and a very happy one should it reach the maximum estimate made.

Here is what our old and esteemed correspondent, Mr. G. W. Gill, of Memphis, Tenn., says about this collection:

“In regard to your collection, I think you have committed the rare error of underrating it; it takes a W. E. W., or perhaps a G. W. G., to describe such pieces as those; they can grow eloquent and flowery with much less cause, but I shall not envy you when you receive the proceeds of the sale, no matter how large they may be;—a man that loses a superb set of the first mint issues, and two glorious sets of *Rosa Americanas*, commands my sympathy, but that is no reason why I should not step in to pick your bones, hence you may lay out \$—— on the following lots,” etc.

NUMISMATIC CORRESPONDENCE.

A PATRIOTIC AMERICAN.

———August 8, 1884.

Dear Sir:—Your letter is at hand. I would be very foolish to take \$300 for the Medal awarded by Congress to my grandfather, for his share of the capture of Major Andre when I have been offered and have refused \$1,000 for the same. I hope my little son David may grow up to love his coun-

try's liberties more than money. I have influential friends who say he must be educated at West Point, but whatever his future may be, I hope that the medal will revive in him the spirit of patriotism of his ancestors.

Yours Very Respectfully,

WM. C WILLIAMS.

COIN SALES.

May 15, 16. Miscellaneous coins, medals, etc., comprising several invoices, 1154 lots. Catalogue by Ed. Frossard; sold at Bangs & Co. Total proceeds \$1,147.27.

Beyond the addenda, comprising rare American coins in the finest possible condition, there was nothing of very special interest in this sale, nevertheless we confess to some disappointment, only average low prices being obtained. 1799 dollar, 5 stars facing, 6.10; 1836 dollars, *Gobrecht* at base, 8.25; 1793 cent, Ameri, good, 5.25; 1877, small proof sets, 3.60 each; Edward III, rose-noble, 9.10; crown of Sigismund I of Austria, 1486, 4.30, mortuary medal of Charles XII of Sweden, silver, 6.12, a superb specimen of the early Roman aes, or pound of brass, 8.; double crown of Augustus of Brunswick, 1666, 8.50; in the addenda a beautiful half dollar of 1794 sold for 11.; a brilliant half dime of the same date 15.50; 1793 wreath cent, uncir. 15.50; 1795 cent, thick planchet, uncirculated, 15.50; half cent of 1836, proof, 12.50; do, 1848, 11.20; do, 1852, 7.50; triple crown of Rudolph Augustus, 1685, uncir. 10.50; James II, gun-money, shilling and sixpence, struck in silver, 4. and 4.50 etc

May 20, 21, 22, 23. Coins, stamps, coin-sale catalogues, etc. 1564 lots. Catalogue by Jos. B. Burleigh, Jr; sold by Wm. Seemuller, Baltimore, Md.

This catalogue, with one plate, was issued at 25c. per copy. The chief attractions were a fine line of English penny and half penny tokens and a large number of coin sale catalogues, several rare.

May 26, 27, 28, 26. J. N. T. Levick's collection of American coins and tokens. 2535 lots. Catalogue by W. E. Woodward; sold at Bangs & Co., New York.

This immense collection, bearing on the title page of the catalogue the appropriate name of "The Money of the Merchants" attracted considerable attention, especially from buyers of American store cards, and considering the small intrinsic value of the material the result was certainly astonishing; in fact Mr. Woodward is credited with having realized a larger per cent of profit on this collection than on any previously bought by him, the purchases of one buyer of store cards alone aggregating nearly one half the sum he paid for the entire collection.

Mr. Levick has been for years a painstaking, intelligent collector in the field of private tokens, store cards, Hard Times tokens, copperheads, etc., and from the mass of rubbish generally known under these names succeeded in forming a collection of much interest and value. With so-called store cards he was most successful, and that part of his collection especially brought out the most lively competition between various collectors and dealers. As regards the American silver, cents, etc., the less said the better, for Mr. Levick apparently cared only for dates and varieties, not condition, and had but a scant supply at that. We had prepared an alphabetical list of the high priced store cards that sold for over \$1, each, but lack of space prevents its publication for the present at least. Collectors who wish to keep posted concerning the auction room value of American store cards should not fail to obtain a priced copy of this catalogue. As a work of reference it is simply indispensable, while as a literary production, if we may use the term in speaking of a compilation of this class, it is one of the best examples of Mr. Woodward's vigorous, terse and entertaining style.

Among the Canada series, the most important coin by far was No. 1250, bouquet series rev. "half penny token, 1837," pro bono publico," purchased some years ago by Mr. Levick from Mr. H. G. Sampson for \$7.50, and said to be unique. It was bought by Mr. James Oliver, our fellow member of the N. Y. Numismatical Society, for \$62., again proving what we have often said, that when a Canadian rarity is offered in New York, it generally remains there.

June 7. Coins, medals, pattern pieces, Confederate State bonds, numismatic literature, etc. 728 lots. Catalogue by John W. Haseltene; sold at Bangs & Co., In this sale a small proof set of 1877, comprising 5 and 3 cents nickel, and 1 cent bronze, sold for \$4.40, the highest price yet reached for this issue. It is predicted by a gentleman well posted on the rarity of minor proof sets that the small proof sets of this date will soon bring still higher prices, because only a very small number exist, and because the number of collectors of these series being legion, competition between them to obtain this date, must force prices to higher figures.

June 9 to 14. The collection of Thomas Warner, Esq., of Cohocton, N. Y. 3727 lots. Catalogue by S. H. & H. Chapman, sold at Bangs & Co. The catalogue was published at 50 cents; printed priced list 50 cents extra; plate catalogue \$5.

Mr Warner has been a steady and liberal purchaser at nearly all sales held here during the last 10 or 15 years, not limiting himself to any special series, but collecting whatever would enhance the value and interest of his cabinet. He thus accumulated a large miscellaneous collection, containing many very fine and rare coins, and the aggregate made up an interesting, if rather long sale. In spite of the drawback of an irregular and unfair distribution of the catalogues and of the financial crisis through which New York was

passing at the very time of the sale, there were good buyers present or represented, and Mr. Warner, who was in the room during the entire time, expressed himself at the end as entirely satisfied with the result, for which we tender him our sincere congratulations.

June 11, 12. Coins, medals, fractional currency, relics, stamps coin catalogues, autographs, etc., representing various properties. 1250 lots. Catalogue by Dr. Geo. W. Masamore; sold at Balto, Md.

June 18. Coins, medals, paper money, etc., the former property of Mr. Diedrich, and of several collectors. 1281 lots; catalogue by Charles Steigerwalt and sold by him, at Lancaster, Pa.

This was an important sale, comprising a large number of California and other gold coins, U. S. gold, silver, and copper coins, proof sets, Colonial coins, fractional currency, Confederate notes, postage stamps, etc. How Mr. Steigerwalt can get through a sale of 1281 lots in one day, giving outside bidders the opportunity to think while bidding, is beyond our comprehension, but 'twas done, and Mr. Steigerwalt, when asked by us about it, kindly invited us to come and see how it's done, which offer we hold under advice and may accept on a future occasion.

July 9. American and Foreign coins and medals, etc., 629 lots, catalogue by H. G. Sampson. Sold at Bangs & Co.

July 10. The numismatic collection of Wm. Blackburn of St. Johns, Quebec, 530 lots, catalogue by H. P. Smith; sold at Bangs & Co. The most interesting part of this fine collection comprised English and Scotch coins, several of high rarity, and which generally sold at excellent figures. A testoon of Mary, 1553, with bust sold for \$30; a shilling pattern of James VIII, pretender, 14.; James "5" Bonnet piece, 1540, 30.50; ryal of Mary, 1555, 43.; £ 20, (Scotch) of James VI,

1576, \$161.; a sovereign of Henry VIII. 46.; quintuple guinea of William and Mary, 30.50; quintuple sovereign of Victoria, 46.; pattern crown of William IV, 1831, 31.; silver pattern farthing of Anne, 1713, 25.; a "queen Anne's farthing, 1714, 5.50, etc. A long list of English war medals, Nos. 297—377, averaged very good prices, etc.

August 28. Coins, medals, confederate notes, Indian stone implements, minerals curiosities, numismatic publication, and rebellion pamphlets, etc., 745 lots catalogue by John W. Haseltine, sold at Bangs and Co.

NUMISMATIC PUBLICATIONS, ETC.

The scholarly and exhaustive articles by the Hon. Geo. M. Parsons, on the Colonial Jetons of Louis XV, now published in the American Journal of Numismatics, are to be issued in pamphlet form, with the original heliotype plate, illustrating the French-American coins, jetons and medals. The edition is of 100 and copies at 75c each can now be ordered through the editor of Numisma.

The Young Mineralogist and Antiquarian, published monthly by F. H. Wise, Wheaton, Ill., promises to become a useful medium of communication and of correct information for that numerous class of collectors who are made happy by the possession of a monster trilobite, a perfect hamite, a striated amonite, or of an oblique angled parallelepipedon of perfect form and color.

The first numbers are excellent both in the quality of the matter published, and in the typographical appearance of the paper, and Mr. Wise need but continue as he has begun to make his paper a valuable addition to the collectors' list of live and entertaining papers.

NUMISMATIC GOSSIP.

In answer to Bro. Mason's anxious inquiry about the name of the author of that fascinating numismatic story "The 1804 Dollar" now published in Numisma, we will inform him, sub-rosa, that it is Tom Collins; also that the story will be concluded long before either Butler, Cleveland or St. John is elected to the Presidency.—Mr. W. A. Grier of New York lately came in possession of a 1792 large pattern cent by Birch, the edge lettered "to the esteemed be useful." The coin is in very fair condition, and one of the rarities of the American mint.—We are informed that positive orders have been issued at the French mint that under no circumstances should more of the French-American jetons be restruck, the dies having been condemned as too weak or imperfect.—Mr. David S. Walter, 320 Broadway, New York, is preparing a work on the medals and coins (if any) of the mediæval and modern Jews. Specimens submitted to him will be promptly returned.—Messrs. L. & L. Hamburger of Frankfort, on M., announce by circular the loss of an interesting collection of Swiss medals and coins, stolen from one of the firm, while in an omnibus, in Paris. They think that it was the work of a foreign thief as the French are too honest to steal. Quite complimentary to the French!—A very fine Russian Order medal in gold, valued at \$17. was stolen while on exhibition at Bangs & Co., in W. E. Woodward's last sale.—An 1804 dollar, said to be genuine, will soon be sold at a coin auction abroad.—The 9 heliotype plates in the illustrated catalogue of our coming sale are taken on a slightly reduced scale, causing the coins and medals to appear smaller than they really are. This was necessary on account of the large number and average large size of the coins photographed.